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Other

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### 5 Age

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

### 1 CH1Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 1 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

2 CH1Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3 CH1Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 1 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Chapter 1 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please insert text here. :

4 CH1Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 1 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 1 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

## Chapter 3: Vision and Strategic Priorities

### 1 CH3Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 3 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

### 2 CH3Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

3) Effective

### 3 CH3Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 3 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 3 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Policy D1 should be added to this section and it made clear that high standards of design and other place making principles are required in order to achieve the Vision (page 17) of seeking high quality development. As read, D1 is hidden at the back of the plan.

### 4 CH3Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 3 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 3 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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To add at end of chapter

## Chapter 4: Growing Melton Borough – The Spatial Strategy

### 1 CH4Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 4 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

### 2 CH4Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

4) Consistant with National Policy

### 3 CH4Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 4 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 4 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Policy MMS and MMN Sustainable Neighbourhoods needs to include reference to design review. Para. 62 states that

'Local planning authorities should have local design review arrangements in place to provide assessment and support to ensure high standards of design.

They should also when appropriate refer major projects for a national design review.<sup>13</sup> In general, early engagement on design produces the greatest benefits. In assessing applications, local planning authorities should have regard to the recommendations from the design review panel.'

Without this, the achievement of high design standards as set out in D1 will not be achieved.

### 4 CH4Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 4 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 4 legally compliant or sound. It will be

helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

lease set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Melton Local Plan legally compliant or sound:

SS4 m5: Design which performs well against Building for Life 12 and seeks to develop the principles of 'Active Design', in accordance with Policy D1. The quality of development will be reviewed by an independent panel of professionals through an Accredited Design Review process.

SS4m6: Design which performs well against BFL12 and seeks to develop the principles of 'Active Design', in accordance with Policy D1. The quality of development will be reviewed by an independent panel of professionals through an Accredited Design Review process.

## Chapter 9: Managing Development

1 CH9Q1: Do you consider that Chapter 9 is?

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Legally Compliant::

Yes

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Sound::

No

Do you consider that Policy SS1 - Complies with Duty to Co-operate:

Yes

2 CH9Q2: If answered "No" to "2: Sound" please answer the following question. Do you consider that the Policy is unsound because it is not?

4) Consistant with National Policy

3 CH9Q3: Please give details of why you consider Chapter 9 is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of Chapter 9 or its compliance with the Duty to Co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

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Policy D1 is supported, but is lost at the back of the document. The Vision for the Local Plan (page 17) seeks 'high quality development'. To achieve this, then clear place making principles need to be seen as supporting the whole Local Plan strategy.

The Policy also needs to reference the local authority's design review arrangements.

4 CH9Q4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make Chapter 9 legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 2 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this change will make Chapter 9 legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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To insert into supporting text to Policy D1 the following,

The quality of development can be reviewed by an independent panel of professionals through an Accredited Design Review. In Melton this is provided by Opun, the regional architecture centre . Significant projects should be referred to design review at an early stage. Design Review assists in schemes/projects that are large or sensitive, notably where masterplanning and design codes are needed. Design Review complements the achievement of Building for Life 12 and Active by Design in seeking a collaborative response to design for residential schemes.

## Examination

1 EXQ1: Can your representation seeking a change be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Written Representations

If you wish to speak at examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary::

2 EXQ2: Moreover please indicate if you wish to continue to be involved in the Local Plan (Please tick appropriate boxes).

If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided when the Melton Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided when the Inspector's Report is available to view, If you wish to be notified at the address/e-mail provided in Part A when the Melton Local Plan is adopted, If you/your organisation wish to be included in future consultations on the Melton Local Plan, If you/your organisation do not wish to be included in future consultations on the Melton Local Plan

## Acknowledgement

1 I understand the above statement and agree I have complied with its requirements

I agree